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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08a.

For the Examiner's convenience, an English abstract of the cited Japanese references has been provided.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), and so the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) (\$180.00), as well as any other fee which may now or hereafter be due, to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the above information and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a be returned as confirmation that the information cited herewith has been considered.

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Prompt consideration of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please do not hesitate to contact applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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